IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC., et al.,

> Plaintiffs, Counterclaim-Defendants,

vs.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-1338 (KAJ)

APPLE COMPUTER INC., et al.,

Defendants, Counterclaim-Plaintiffs.

DEFENDANT ST-LCD'S OPENING BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION

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Ogura Decl. ¶ ___ Refers to the February 9, 2006 Declaration in Support of ST-LCD's Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction, attached hereto.

I. STATEMENT OF THE NATURE AND STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Honeywell International Inc. and Honeywell Intellectual Properties Inc., ("Honeywell"), Delaware and Arizona corporations respectively, brought this patent infringement action against ST Liquid Crystal Display ("ST-LCD"), a Japanese corporation having its principal place of business in Aichi, Japan.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2), Defendant ST-LCD moves to dismiss this action against it for lack of personal jurisdiction.

II. SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

- 1. ST-LCD has no contacts with the United States or with this forum. Thus, ST-LCD meets neither the general nor the specific jurisdiction requirements set forth in Delaware's long-arm statute. ST-LCD is a manufacturing company located entirely in Japan. While some of ST-LCD's products might be integrated into final products and sold by third-parties in the United States, ST-LCD does not manufacture or sell any products in Delaware or the United States. In fact, ST-LCD conducts no business in Delaware, and it has absolutely no contacts with Delaware. Further, since all of ST-LCD's sales occur in Japan, there is no basis for a finding of jurisdiction under a stream of commerce theory, as that theory has been recognized by Delaware courts.
- 2. Because ST-LCD does not have sufficient minimum contacts with Delaware, jurisdiction over ST-LCD under the Due Process Clause is also inappropriate.
- 3. Even if ST-LCD had minimum contacts with Delaware, maintaining this action against ST-LCD would violate traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Dismissing ST-LCD from this action would not harm or prejudice Honeywell in any way. Honeywell has already sued numerous parties that do sell allegedly infringing products in Delaware and are subject to jurisdiction in Delaware. However, subjecting ST-LCD to the jurisdiction of Delaware courts would be highly prejudicial.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

ST-LCD is a Japanese corporation that was established in October 1997 through a 50/50 joint venture between Sony Corporation and Toyota Industries Corporation. (Ogura Decl. ¶ 2.) It is located in Aichi-Prefecture, Japan and manufactures low-temperature polysilicon TFT LCD panels and modules ("LCDs"). (See id. at ¶ 5, 6.) ST-LCD has no place of business in Delaware. (Id. at ¶ 10.) It owns no property in Delaware. (Id. at ¶ 11.) ST-LCD does not transact any business in Delaware. (See id. at ¶ 8.) It maintains no office, no local telephone listing, no bank account, and has no employees in Delaware. (See id. at ¶¶ 10, 12, 16.) ST-LCD has never paid taxes in Delaware and never commenced any legal action in Delaware or been named as a defendant in any action in Delaware, except the current litigation. (Id. at ¶¶ 13, 14.) While ST-LCD has a website that could be accessed by someone in Delaware (like all websites), via www.stlcd.co.jp, ST-LCD's website is in Japanese, with no English translation. (Id. at ¶ 20.)

ST-LCD sells all of its LCDs to Sony Corp., in Japan. (*Id.* at ¶ 18.) After Sony Corp. accepts the LCD products from ST-LCD in Japan, ST-LCD has no control over any further use or distribution of these products. It is believed that Sony Corp. uses a portion of the ST-LCD LCDs as components within its own consumer electronics products and distributes another portion of the LCDs to others.

Honeywell added ST-LCD to this suit on November 7, 2005. (D.I. 239.)

Honeywell's First Amended Complaint alleges no direct contacts between ST-LCD and

Delaware. With respect to ST-LCD, Honeywell alleges only that:

ST-LCD is a Japan corporation having its principal place of business in Aichi, Japan. (*Id.* at ¶ 53.)

ST-LCD has been and is engaged in the manufacture, importation, offer for sale, and/or sale of liquid crystal display (LCD) modules that are incorporated into products that are sold in the United States with the

knowledge and intention that such LCD screen-containing products would be sold throughout the United States, including this judicial district." (*Id.* at ¶ 95.)

The First Amended Complaint does not and cannot allege that ST-LCD engages in any activities whatsoever in Delaware or, for that matter, the United States.

IV. **ARGUMENT**

To support a motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction, a defendant need only allege that it is not subject to the court's jurisdiction. Once a defendant raises the defense, the burden shifts to the plaintiff to prove "with reasonable particularity sufficient contacts between the defendant and the forum state to support jurisdiction." Provident Nat'l Bank v. California Federal Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 819 F.2d 434, 437 (3d Cir. 1987); Applied Biosystems, Inc. v. Cruachem, Ltd., 772 F. Supp. 1458, 1462 (D. Del. 1991). Here, Honeywell cannot meet its burden to justify this Court's exercise of personal jurisdiction over ST-LCD.

The determination of whether a nonresident defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction requires a two-part analysis: (1) the court must first determine whether the state's long-arm statute reaches the defendant; and (2) if the court finds that the defendant's conduct gives rise to personal jurisdiction under the long-arm statute, the court must then determine whether subjecting the defendant to jurisdiction in that state comports with constitutional notions of due process. See, e.g., Red Wing Shoe Co. v. Hockerson-Halberstadt, Inc., 148 F.3d 1355, 1358 (Fed. Cir. 1998). In patent infringement cases, a district court applies Federal Circuit law in analyzing whether personal jurisdiction exists under the Due Process Clause. See, e.g., Commissariat a L'Energie Atomique v. Chi Mei Optoelectronics Corp., 395 F.3d 1315 (Fed. Cir. 2005); 3D Sys., Inc. v. Aarotech Labs., Inc., 160 F.3d 1373, 1377 (Fed. Cir. 1998).

As set forth below, Delaware's long-arm statute does not reach ST-LCD, nor would constitutional notions of due process be satisfied even if, arguendo, the long arm statute was met.

Honeywell Cannot Demonstrate That Personal Jurisdiction Exists A. **Under the Delaware Long Arm Statute**

Under the Delaware long-arm statute, a court may not exercise personal jurisdiction over a nonresident unless the nonresident, in person or through an agent:

- (1) Transacts any business or performs any character of work or service in the State;
- (2) Contracts to supply services or things in this State;
- (3) Causes tortious injury in the State by an act or omission in this State;
- (4) Causes tortious injury in the State or outside of the State by an act or omission outside the State if the person regularly does or solicits business, engages in any other persistent course of conduct in the State or derives substantial revenue from services, or things used or consumed in the State;
- (5) Has an interest in, uses or possesses real property in the State; or
- (6) Contracts to insure or act as surety for, or on, any person, property, risk, contract, obligation or agreement located, executed or to be performed within the State at the time the contract is made, unless the parties otherwise provide in writing.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 3104(c) (2004); see also Intel Corp. v. Silicon Storage Tech., 20 F. Supp. 2d 690, 694 (D. Del. 1998) (stating that "it is important not to collapse the long-arm inquiry into the due process inquiry" because "the Delaware Supreme Court has not determined that § 3104(c) is coextensive with federal due process, nor does it substitute federal due process analysis for state long-arm analysis").

Honeywell does not allege direct contacts with Delaware. Rather, Honeywell alleges that infringing products with ST-LCD's products incorporated therein "are sold into the United States with [ST-LCD's] knowledge and intention that such ... products would be sold throughout the United States, including this judicial district" (D.I. 239 at ¶ 95). Thus, Honeywell has alleged that jurisdiction attaches, if at all, under a "stream of commerce" theory. In Delaware, courts have typically recognized this theory under subsections (c)(1) and (c)(4) of the Delaware long arm statute. See, e.g., Commissariat,

395 F. 3d at 1320-22; M&M Techs., Inc. v. Gurtler Chem., Inc., 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1726, at *9 (Feb. 8, 2005).

Delaware Courts have interpreted subsection (c)(1) of the Delaware long-arm statute as conferring specific jurisdiction and subsection (c)(4) as conferring general jurisdiction. See, e.g., LaNuova D & B, S.p.A. v. Bowe Co., 513 A.2d 764, 768 (Del. Sup. Ct. 1986); Jeffreys v. Exten, 784 F. Supp. 146, 151 (D. Del. 1992); Republic Envtl. Sys. v. RESI Acquisition Corp., C.A. No. 99C-02-194, 1999 Del. Super. LEXIS 219, at *8 (Del. Super. Ct. May 28, 1999). Accordingly, Honeywell must demonstrate either specific or general jurisdiction, which here, it cannot.

1. There Is No Specific Jurisdiction Over ST-LCD Under the **Delaware Long Arm Statute**

A finding of specific jurisdiction under subsection (c)(1) of the Delaware long arm statute requires a "nexus" between the plaintiff's cause of action and the conduct of the defendant that is used as a basis for jurisdiction. See, e.g., LaNuova, 513 A.2d at 768; Jeffreys, 784 F. Supp. at 146. Under subsection c(1), a plaintiff must show either prefiling sales by the defendant of the allegedly infringing product in the forum or that the defendant is transacting business through an "established distribution channel" such that its products are being sold into the forum. Siemens Aktiengesellschaft v. LG Semicon Co., 69 F. Supp. 2d 622, 625 (D. Del. 1999); see also Beverly Hills Fan Co. v. Royal Sovereign Corp., 21 F.3d 1558 (Fed. Cir. 1994). Additionally, the plaintiff must show that the defendant's actions were directed at residents of Delaware and the protection of Delaware laws. Thorn EMI N. Am. v. Micron Tech., 821 F. Supp. 272, 274 (D. Del. 1993).

ST-LCD has never transacted any business in Delaware, established a distribution channel into Delaware or made any direct sales in Delaware or the United States, and Honeywell does not allege otherwise. As discussed above, all of ST-LCD's sales occur outside of the United States to independent manufacturers of products that incorporate

ST-LCD's LCD modules. Further, while ST-LCD maintains a website that is technically accessible by a Delaware resident, it is certainly not directed at the residents of Delaware. Indeed, the website is not even in English, and even if it was, no sales can be made via it. (Ogura Decl.¶¶ 18, 20.)

Moreover, even if Honeywell could point to the existence of an allegedly infringing ST-LCD LCD module in Delaware, it could not show that it arrived there through an "established distribution channel." See American Bio Medica Corp. v. Peninsula Drug Analysis Co., 1999 WL 615175 (D. Del. Aug. 3, 1999). In American Bio Medica, Defendant Phamatec manufactured allegedly infringing products and arranged for the distribution of its products through two other defendants, Peninsula and Ramsey, who had directed their own marketing efforts of the allegedly infringing products at Delaware. Id. at *5. In light of these facts, plaintiff asserted that "Phamatec established a chain of distribution that it knew, or reasonably could have foreseen, had a termination point in Delaware." Id. However, the court stated:

[T]here is no evidence demonstrating that Phamatech directed Peninsula and Ramsey's sales efforts at Delaware residents; [and] there certainly is no evidence of any ongoing commercial relationships between Phamatech, Peninsula Ramsey, and Delaware residents ... [T]he court declines to find that Phamatec transacted business in Delaware, consistent with 10 Del. C. § 3104(c)(1) and (3).

 $Id.^1$

Here, there is no (nor could there be) evidence of a relationship between ST-LCD and any entity that has engaged in sales or offers for sale of any allegedly infringing ST-LCD product, let alone an "ongoing commercial relationship" or direction of any such entity by ST-LCD. Accordingly, Honeywell has not shown and cannot show sufficient facts to support a finding of specific jurisdiction under the Delaware long-arm statute.

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While there were no actual sales of Phamatec's products into Delaware prior to the filing date of the Complaint, it appears that Peninsula and Ramsey had offered for sale Phamatec's products to Delaware residents prior to the filing date. Id. at *2.

2. There Is No General Jurisdiction Over ST-LCD Under the Delaware Long Arm Statute

In addition to lacking specific jurisdiction under subsection (c)(1), this Court may not exercise general jurisdiction over ST-LCD pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Delaware long-arm statute. Subsection (c)(4) of the Delaware long-arm statute allows jurisdiction over a defendant who "regularly does or solicits business" or "derives substantial revenue" in Delaware. Jurisdiction under this subsection is appropriate only "when a defendant has had contacts with [the forum state] that are so extensive and continuing that it is fair and consistent with state policy to require that the defendant appear [in Delaware] and defend a claim even when that claim arose outside of [Delaware] and causes injury outside this state." Red Sail Easter Ltd. Partners v. Radio City Music Hall Prods., Inc., No. CIV. A. 12036, 1991 WL 129174, at *3 (Del. Ch. Jul. 10, 1991) (emphasis added); Reach & Assocs., P.C. v. Dencer, 269 F. Supp. 2d 497, 505 (D. Del. 2003) ("[w]hile seemingly broad, the standard for general jurisdiction is high in practice and not often met."); Intel Corp., 20 F. Supp. 2d. at 699 (stating that cases of general jurisdiction under Delaware's long-arm statute are rare).

This rigorous standard is regularly applied in Delaware in connection with § 3104(c)(4) where the manufacturer of an allegedly infringing component part of a final product has no contacts with Delaware other than the fact that the final product ends up in Delaware. For example, in *Siemens*, the defendants directly sold their allegedly infringing DRAM microchips to the leading manufacturers of personal computers. The computer manufacturers then integrated the DRAM into personal computers, which were sold in Delaware. The plaintiff argued that because the DRAM ultimately ended up in Delaware within the personal computers, the defendants had intent to serve the Delaware market. *Siemens*, 69 F. Supp. 2d at 626. Not surprisingly, the court flatly rejected this argument and stated:

In this case, LG Semicon has not exhibited an intent or purpose to serve the Delaware market and its sales of DRAM chips outside of Delaware do

not amount to the continuous activity that § 3104(c)(4) requires. ... LG Semicon's only contact with Delaware is second hand contact from the sale of DRAM chips to customers who use the chips in electronic devices that are available to Delaware consumers.

Id. at 627 (emphasis added).

The *Siemens* court also determined that the revenue generated by such third-party sales, *i.e.*, the sales of computers that contained defendant's allegedly infringing DRAM, could not be attributed to the defendant for purposes of determining whether the defendant has derived "substantial revenue" from Delaware:

The court finds that any revenue LG Semicon has generated through sales of DRAM chips to customers outside Delaware whose electronic devices are sold in Delaware is too remote and insubstantial to meet the requirements of § 3104(c)(4).

Id.

Similarly in *Merck & Co., v. Barr Laboratories, Inc.*, 179 F. Supp. 2d 368, 373 (D. Del. 2002), the plaintiff argued that the defendant derived substantial revenue from Delaware sales by third parties of the defendant's drugs. *Merck*, 179 F.Supp.2d at 372. Notably, Defendant Barr had two licenses to sell drugs in Delaware, sold products directly to customers in Delaware, had a national account manager in charge of sales in Delaware and also contributed to Delaware's Medicaid program based on its sales. Despite all of these contacts, the court found that there was no jurisdiction and noted that it was "not persuaded that Barr's sales to corporations with national distribution, including Delaware, should be added to Barr's Delaware sales figures *because the nexus is too attenuated.*" *Id.* at 374 (emphasis added).²

In *Commissariat*, the Federal Circuit found that based on unrebutted evidence of sales of products containing allegedly infringing LCDs in Delaware, the district court should have found that substantial revenues *could* have been derived from sales of products in Delaware. 395 F.3d at 1320. However, even if Honeywell could somehow demonstrate that ST-LCD derived any revenue from sales in Delaware, which it cannot, any such evidence would be insufficient for purposes of the Delaware long-arm statute or the Due Process Clause. *Id.* (stating that even if the plaintiff could show "substantial revenue," the question of whether it would be sufficient for personal jurisdiction "presents difficult questions under both Delaware law and the Due Process Clause").

Here, the nexus is even more attenuated than in Siemens and Merck. ST-LCD does not sell products in Delaware, does not advertise in Delaware, and does not direct its customers to sell products containing ST-LCD components in Delaware. In fact, all of ST-LCD's sales occur outside of the United States, and any LCD manufactured by ST-LCD could only find its way to Delaware, if at all, through the sale of a final product by one of ST-LCD's customer's customers. Moreover, ST-LCD has never exercised control over its customers, has not directed or otherwise suggested where its customers' products could be sold, or derived any revenue from the direct sales its customers make. In short, it would be absurd to conclude that ST-LCD itself has derived "substantial revenue" from sales in Delaware or that ST-LCD has done anything to show an "intent and purpose" to serve the Delaware market in a "continuous and substantial" way.³

Honeywell Cannot Satisfy the Jurisdictional Requirements Of the Due В. **Process Clause**

Not only do ST-LCD's contacts with Delaware fail the minimum requirements of Delaware's long-arm statute, they also fail the minimum requirements of constitutional due process. The constitutional touchstone of a due process analysis is whether the non-

Despite the fact that the requirement that there be an "intent and purpose" to serve the Delaware market was, and, ST-LCD submits, is well settled in Delaware, the Federal Circuit recently remanded a case back to this Court stating that this was unclear. Commissariat, 395 F.3d at 1323-24 (finding that the United States Supreme Court set forth two relevant standards in Asahi, and it is unclear which standard Delaware had adopted because the Delaware Supreme Court has not directly addressed the issue). While the Federal Circuit was correct that the Delaware Supreme Court had not directly addressed the issue, the Delaware Supreme Court did affirm one of the most often cited Delaware Superior Court case on this issue, Boone v. Ov Partek Ab, 724 A.2d 1150, 1158 (Del. Super. 1997), affd, 707 A.2d 765 (Del. Super. 1998), where the court stated: "the enumerated activities in [the long-arm statute] should be analyzed to determine whether there is an intent or purpose on the part of the manufacturer to serve the Delaware market with its product." (emphasis added.) In addition, in M&M Techs., 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 1726 (D. Del. February 8, 2005), a case decided after the Federal Circuit's decision in Commissariat, the district court approved of requiring a showing of an intent and purpose. However, as this issue is admittedly unsettled by the Federal Circuit, the competing standards outlined in Asahi are discussed in detail in Section IV. B. 2, infra, in connection with the Due Process Clause. Should this Court wish to engage in an analysis of what the Delaware Supreme Court would do if directly confronted with this issue, the discussion below would apply equally to such an analysis.

resident defendant has purposefully established "certain minimum contacts with [the forum] such that the maintenance of the suit does not offend 'traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice" Asahi Metal Indus. Co., Ltd. v. Superior Court of California, 480 U.S. 102, 108-09, 113 (1987), (citing Burger King v. Rudzewicz, 471 U.S. 462, 474 (1985) (quoting Int'l Shoe Co. v. Washington, 326 U.S. 310, 316 (1945))). The Supreme Court has repeatedly required that the defendant be purposeful and deliberate in establishing these contacts. Burger King Corp. v. Rudzewicz, 471 U.S. 462, 473-476 (1985). To find such "minimum contacts," the plaintiff must demonstrate either general or specific jurisdiction. See Helicopteros Nacionales de Columbia, S.A. v. Hall, 466 U.S. 408, 414 (1984). Again, Honeywell can do neither.

1. A Finding Of General Jurisdiction Over ST-LCD Would Violate The Due Process Clause

Courts have set a high standard for plaintiffs seeking to establish general jurisdiction. See generally Helicopteros, 466 U.S. at 408. Only if a nonresident defendant's activities in the forum state are "continuous and systematic" is there a constitutionally sufficient basis to warrant jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted against it. Helicopteros, 466 U.S. at 421; Provident Nat'l Bank, 819 F.2d at 437; Perkins v. Benguet Consol. Mining Co., 342 U.S. 437, 445 (1952). Of course, here, ST-LCD's activities in Delaware are non-existent.

In Helicopteros, the Supreme Court found that a foreign defendant's general business contacts with the forum state did not rise to the level of "continuous and systematic" despite the fact that the defendant purchased equipment from the forum state, sent personnel for training in the forum state, and sent a corporate officer for contract negotiations in the forum state. 466 U.S. at 416-418. The foreign defendant had never actually performed operations, solicited business, or sold any product that reached the state, and the Court held that the brief presence of employees or minor purchases did not rise to the level of "continuous and systematic general business contacts." Id.

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Here, ST-LCD has no contacts with Delaware. There can be no plausible assertion that this Court has general jurisdiction over ST-LCD. As noted above, ST-LCD has not: (i) manufactured goods in Delaware; (ii) sold goods or services in Delaware; (iii) advertised or offered to sell goods or services in Delaware; (iv) traded in Delaware; (v) maintained an office in Delaware; (vi) owned property in Delaware; or (vii) employed staff in Delaware. (Ogura Decl. ¶¶ 7, 8, 10, 11.)

2. A Finding Of Specific Jurisdiction Over ST-LCD Would **Violate The Due Process Clause**

Not only are ST-LCD's activities insufficient to establish general jurisdiction, its contacts with Delaware are insufficient to warrant this Court's exercise of specific jurisdiction. To invoke specific jurisdiction, a plaintiff must show that a nonresident defendant "has 'purposefully directed' his activities at residents of the forum . . . and the litigation results from alleged injuries that 'arise out of or relate to' those activities." Burger King, 471 U.S. at 472, 486 (quoting Keeton v. Hustler Magazine, 465 U.S. 770, 774 (1984) and Helicopteros, 466 U.S. at 414); accord 3D Sys., 160 F.3d at 1378; see also Hanson v. Denckla, 357 U.S. 235, 253 (1958) (finding that when asserting specific jurisdiction, it is "essential in each case that there be some act by which the defendant purposefully avails itself of the privilege of conducting activities within the forum state, thus invoking the benefits and protections of its laws.").

Honeywell cannot demonstrate that ST-LCD "purposefully directed" its activities at Delaware. ST-LCD manufactures LCDs only at its facilities in Japan. It then sells them in Japan to another Japanese company. (See Ogura Decl. ¶ 18.) Subsequent to that sale, its products are sold again to product manufacturers who integrate ST-LCD's LCDs into their final products, which are sold throughout the world, including the United States and possibly Delaware. This is the extent of ST-LCD's contacts with Delaware. It is clear that ST-LCD does not purposefully direct anything at Delaware.

As noted above, in *Commissariat*, the Federal Circuit recently remanded a case back to this Court for additional discovery because, in its view, it was unclear under Delaware law whether an "intent and purpose" was required for a finding of minimum contacts under the Delaware long-arm statute. 395 F.3d at 1322. While this issue does appear to be settled in Delaware, it is clearly not at the Federal Circuit level. *Id.* at n.7. In Commissariat, the Federal Circuit discussed the Supreme Court's decision in Asahi, the genesis of the competing theories. In Asahi, Justice O'Connor, writing for a plurality of the Court found that "a defendant's awareness that the stream of commerce may or will sweep the product into the forum State does not convert the mere act of placing the product into the stream into an act purposefully directed toward the forum State." 480 U.S. at 112. Under this standard, the exercise of personal jurisdiction requires conduct in addition to placing the product in the stream of commerce. This conduct must indicate "an intent or purpose to serve the market in the forum State." Id. Such conduct may include establishing channels for providing service or advice within the forum state, advertising in the forum state, or marketing through a distributor who agreed to serve as an agent in the forum state. Id.

Justice Brennan and three other Justices suggested a less restrictive view, and stated:

The stream of commerce refers not to unpredictable currents or eddies, but to the regular and anticipated flow of products from manufacture to distribution to retail sale. As long as a participant in this process is aware that the final product is being marketed in the forum State, the possibility of a lawsuit there cannot come as a surprise.

Id. at 117.

As an initial matter, under Justice O'Connor's test, there is clearly no jurisdiction over ST-LCD. ST-LCD has no contacts at all with Delaware. It does not design its products for use in Delaware; it performs no advertising in Delaware; it has no channels for providing advice of any kind to anyone in Delaware – indeed, its website is not even

in English – and it has no marketing or sales agents in Delaware or that target Delaware. (Ogura Decl. ¶¶ 8, 20.) At most, Honeywell could show that ST-LCD had a mere "awareness" that its LCDs could be swept into Delaware, which is entirely insufficient for a finding of personal jurisdiction.

However, similarly, there is no basis for a finding of jurisdiction under Justice Brennan's test. It is important to recognize that while Justice Brennan's test is less restrictive than Justice O'Connor's, there are important limits to its reach. And, while not binding on the Federal Circuit, many courts, including the Third Circuit, have commented on its limits. For instance, in *Renner v. Lanard Toys Ltd.*, 33 F.3d 277 (3d Cir. 1994), the court stated:

[e]ven under Justice Brennan's view, the mere knowledge or awareness that one's products will end up in the forum state without some regularity of shipment would not be enough. *The contact must be purposeful, rather than incidental*, because the stream of commerce does not refer to 'unpredictable currents or eddies.'

33 F.3d at 282 (quoting *Asah*i, 480 U.S. at 117 (Brennan, J., concurring)) (emphasis added).

In Davlyn Manufacturing Co. v. H&M Auto Parts, Inc., 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17532 (E.D. Pa. August 18, 2005), the district court for the District of Pennsylvania was faced squarely with the dilemma of choosing whether to adopt Justice O'Connor's view or Justice Brennan's view for purposes of a minimum contacts analysis where, as here, the defendant merely provided an allegedly infringing component part to a product that was ultimately sold in the forum state. The court unequivocally adopted Justice O'Connor's view and stated:

Despite the absence of clear guidance from either the Federal or Third Circuits, . . . we find that a defendant does not "purposefully direct" his activities at a forum state merely by selling a component part to a nationwide distributor of home appliances with the awareness that appliances containing the defendant's product may ultimately be sold in the forum state. . . . The Supreme Court has held that 'foreseeability

alone' is not a sufficient benchmark for personal jurisdiction under the Due Process Clause, and we believe that adoption of the broad minimum contacts test enunciated by Justice Brennan in Asahi would run afoul of this prescription.

Id. at *19-20 (citations omitted) (emphasis added). Thus, the Davlyn court recognized that adopting Justice Brennan's view wholesale would itself violate due process.

Accordingly, put in the proper context, under Justice Brennan's theory jurisdiction would not lie in this case. An outright adoption of it would run afoul of due process itself, and when viewed in a way such that it would not run afoul of due process, any contact by ST-LCD with Delaware could only be classified as "incidental." See Renner, 33 F.3d at 282 (citations omitted). Indeed, in light of today's global economy, adopting Justice Brennan's view wholesale would be tantamount to finding that every foreign manufacturer of component parts that are used in a final product that is shipped to the United States is subject to personal jurisdiction in every state in the United States. This cannot be and is not the law. ST-LCD merely manufactures LCDs and sells them in Japan. Like every high-tech global manufacturing company, knowledge that its products might or will end up in the largest economy in the world, while not a "surprise" should not be a punishment, absent an intent that the products end up there.

3. **Exercising Jurisdiction Over ST-LCD Would Offend** Traditional Notions Of Fair Play and Substantial Justice

Even if Honeywell established sufficient "minimum contacts" between ST-LCD and Delaware for this Court to exercise jurisdiction, to do so would violate the Due Process Clause's requirement that "maintenance of the suit . . . not offend 'traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice." Helicopteros, 466 U.S. at 414 (quoting Int'l Shoe, 326 U.S. at 316). This analysis requires a balancing of the burden on the defendant in having to defend itself in the forum state, the interests of the forum state in resolving controversies flowing from in-state events, and the plaintiff's interest in a convenient forum. Burger King, 471 U.S. at 477. Consideration of these factors demonstrates the

inherent unfairness of hauling ST-LCD into a Delaware court to participate in an action brought by Honeywell.

The issues presented by this case have no connection with Delaware. The claim is based on federal law, and Delaware has no stake in how that law is applied here. In addition, all of ST-LCD's sales are made in Japan to a Japanese company. And because ST-LCD itself is located only in Japan, the burden on ST-LCD would be significant because all of its documents and witnesses are located outside of the United States. In contrast, Honeywell is free to sue (and has sued) parties that do sell products that incorporate allegedly infringing LCDs and are subject to jurisdiction in Delaware. Accordingly, dismissing ST-LCD from this action will not burden or harm Honeywell in any manner. In contrast, maintaining this action would be prejudicial and unfair to ST-LCD.

V. **CONCLUSION**

Honeywell bears the burden of proving that this Court has personal jurisdiction over ST-LCD. Yet, Honeywell has not, and cannot, allege sufficient contacts with Delaware for a finding of personal jurisdiction. Accordingly, this Court should dismiss Honeywell's First Amended Complaint against ST-LCD for lack of personal jurisdiction.

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